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CORRECTION: A previous version of this release stated that Re/Max gave the entire donation. Three companies actually contributed.

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COMPANIES GIVE TO UM DISABILITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

MISSOULA —

Three local companies -- First American Title Co., Mann Mortgage and Re/Max Realty Consultants -- have donated \$850 to Disability Services for Students at The University of Montana. The donation was raised from a tailgate party at a UM athletic event.

DDS Director Jim Marks said the donation will fund voice recognition software, which will ensure that computing is readily accessible to students with disabilities. The software, Dragon Naturally Speaking, allows a computer user to type with his or her voice. Students who can't use their hands or have difficulty expressing themselves because of a learning disability or motor impairment, use Dragon instead of the keyboard, giving them an equal opportunity to participate in their studies.

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